

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place"

"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4

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IT IS A GOOD THING TO GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD

Practical Thanksgiving

"What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me?"

S. W. Latimer

We are soon to celebrate another Thanksgiving Day. We remember the early settlers came across from their native land in a little vessel named the "May Flower", and landed on American shores when the snow was falling, without a shelter. After suffering a few years of hardships, they provided them cabins, and cleared away the timbers and planted gardens, grain and such things as they needed to sustain life. They also got acquainted with the Indians. One special year God had so richly blessed them in their basket and store, and the Indians did not attack them that year, that they decided it would be good to have a Thanksgiving Day, and the leader in his address to his company enumerated the many blessings of the Lord, how the grain and such provisions had been stored away; venison, wild turkey, bear and other meats had been prepared. These people got together and worshipped the Lord on that day, and it is said that they gave a feast in honor of the blessings of God. Later on, this was taken up by congress and the president of the United States, and today we have a national Thanksgiving Day.

Our text says, "What shall I render unto the Lord for all His Benefits toward me?"

I want to lodge firmly in each of your hearts this question, What shall I render unto the Lord? You are men and women of feeling, you believe that the Lord is a source of all your blessings, you are concerned about your conditions. Let us therefore use three channels of which gratitude to God will express itself. First, the inward life. As we pass thru the streets of the cities in the evenings of the cold winter days, the doors are closed, shades are pulled down, inside there is a bright shining light. In many of these homes there is joy and gladness, but sad to say, in others there is contention and sorrow. We hear the shouts of the joy and gladness as we pass some, but occasionally we hear murmuring and complaint, and we are made to wonder who the inmates are. There is light shining out thru the little spaces at the windows where it penetrates, so the light of life shines thru the fleshly walls giving information of a person within.

The inward life, needless to say, is our real life. As a man thinketh in his heart so is he. Now let us ask you, what place do you give to God in this secret life? Some people grasp the idea that salvation is essentially an inward thing. They think of God as an officer of the law who ought to be satisfied so long as they commit no serious breach of peace. With a strange unconsciousness on the one hand, of their own sin, and on the other, of God's yearning for their fellowship, they say that God has nothing to complain of in me, I have done no great wrongs. They attach little or no importance to religious emotions, saying, feelings do not count. Conduct, or character is important, but with this there must be an expression of joy and thanksgiving if we please God. Therefore, what place has God in your secret life? His place is in the closed and lighted chamber where you live, in fact, you can admit no other save God. No outward expression which you may make of your gratitude toward Him for all His benefits toward you, will be of any value if you do not in this secret life of yours, give Him rightful place. Can a child's gifts to his parents make up for lack of love? Above all things the parents enjoy love and devotion from their children, so our Heavenly Father wants our best.

Second, the use we make of our possessions. No one is so poor as to be exempt from their duty or deprived of the privilege of sharing with those whose needs are greater than his. A starving beggar is bound by the law of Christian love to share his crust with the one who is hungrier than he is. The wounded soldier lying on the battlefield, burning with thirst, is bound to share the last drops in his canteen with the

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A Model Christian Girl

A girl can be a Christian and at the same time have faults and characteristics that a Model Christian Girl would not have. The average girl today has her name on somebody's church book and will claim to be a Christian sometimes and in some places, but will, as a rule, deny being a Christian when she is asked about salvation. She never talks about her church or religion, but is so possessed of frivolity and nonsense that she never has a sober thought. This type of girl is not a true Christian.

A true Christian girl can be readily recognized in the average crowd of girls, for several reasons.

An Ideal Christian Girl's features would not be hidden behind an artificial face of rouge and lipstick. Her hair would be in the form of long tresses as God intended them to be. Of course she always wears a modest dress. These are just a few outside appearances that can be seen. The important part of any Christian's experience is certainly their spiritual being and character.

Undoubtedly the most admired and noticeable trait in any Christian girl now, is her unmarred and virtuous character. The record is looked upon by the majority of the people as being nothing short of the impossible. A pure character of a girl, Christian or sinner, demands and usually has the respect of the people in general.

Humbleness and self reserve are part of an Ideal Christian Girl's experience. She is not always trying to push herself to the front, in notoriety. She is not glum or grouchy. However, at the same time is pleasant and will attract attention without trying. A true Christian Girl is never boastful or loud even outside of church, but can be found working or possibly reading the Bible, and even more likely, praying.

The True Christian Girl is always honest and truthful. Even in joking she is careful to tell the truth. She has no dealings with anybody that is unfair or crooked but practices the "Golden Rule" by doing "Unto others as she would have them do unto her."

When church services begin, she is always found in her place unless she has a suitable reason. She does her part in every part of the service, and as a result, realizes all her duties as an outstanding testimony. She is never inattentive but is, on the other hand, "all attentive and trying to learn something new from God's Word."

When a True Christian Girl is called upon to render any kind of service that may edify someone spiritually she immediately begins to prepare or do what she is asked to do, thus showing that she is obedient.

A Model Christian Girl will, of course, be doing Christian work, and in doing this she exposes her kind and sympathetic nature. It seems that there are not many Model Christian Girls, and even speaking of the church generally, there are not many true Christians, but the fewer the number the more admired and respected are the few.

The Bible says that one star differs from another in glory. God used the stars to represent people. The Model Christian Girls will, of course, be different from the ordinary Christian Girl in heaven in that they will be in a higher realm of glory.

Louis Maddox Purcell, Atlanta, Ga.

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What?
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of the 23d Annual Assembly of the Churches of God.

(See ad on second page)

A Letter From The Happy Two

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 14, 1928.

Dear readers of the Evangel:

We are not members, as yet, but seeking what we believe many of you have, and we have subscribed for your good paper and hope this finds space that our many friends may know what we think and how we feel.

The last Assembly was the greatest event of our career, and we were wonderfully blessed and thank dear Brother Latimer and the many that were so good and kind to us, and hope to be there when the Assembly opens next year.

Wish we had space to mention the many that have shown us such good favors, but we want you to let us hear from you if you want us to stop in passing your way. Make a note of our address and write us.

Keep praying for us. We believe in you.

The Vaughan Happy Two,

A. B. Sebren and C. G. Wilson.

P. S. It was with much sorrow that we read of the death of dear Brother Lee. We loved him and thought him such a good man.

THANKSGIVING

"IN EVERY THING GIVE THANKS"

M. W. Letsinger

1 Thess. 5:18

The president of the United States of America has set apart one day in each year for Thanksgiving, and we truly believe that God is pleased with this, for He has told us in His Word to make our requests known with thanksgiving. God wants us to give thanks continually, as oft as we pray, and that without ceasing.

It is one of the chief traits of a Christian character to be thankful. God is surely pleased when He looks down upon the poor inhabitants of the earth as they lift up their hearts and voices to Him who gave them existence and every good thing they have to enjoy. I can imagine Him as He smiles upon them and grants unto them the desires of their hearts. Oh, the sacredness of praise and thanksgiving. The Psalmist seemed to realize this when he said, it is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord.

Paul wrote to Timothy and said in his letter, to know that in the last days perilous times would come, that men would be disobedient to parents, unthankful and unholly. If we are not in the time referred to by Paul, I am wondering how it will be; but friends, we verily believe that we are entering those perilous times now. We see on every hand, people without natural affection, unthankful, unholly, no gratitude for the many things that God has given them to enjoy. Instead of giving thanks, they are making complaints; their mouths are filled with cursing and bitterness.

In the midst of all this, we, the people of God should humble ourselves and give thanks to Him who has saved and washed us from our sins, and given to us His Holy Spirit, to be a guide and a leader unto us here in this present world and land us safely on the banks of sweet deliverance. Let us briefly compare this present generation with the one just passing out. Were our parents more thankful than this generation; did they recognize that God blessed and prospered them, giving them what they had to enjoy? I have been in homes where the father and mother had spent their strength and early life and youthful days in hard toil, using economy inasmuch that they had hardly fed and clothed themselves sufficiently, and the result was that they had accumulated considerable wealth, but they had exposed themselves until they were broken down and had made the great sacrifice so that they might be able to give to their children education, a home and

the luxuries of life, and were thankful that God had blessed and prospered them, but what did that good old father and mother receive from the children? Did they even thank them for the many things they had provided for them? In many instances, friends, they did not, but rather complained and appeared to think there was nothing quite good enough for them, and would show no sign of gratitude whatever.

We are truly living in a time when people are unthankful and unholly. Knowing these things as we do, it behooves us to humble ourselves and be thankful. Oh, we surely have much to be thankful for—thankful that we have been spared to see this day, especially for living to the time of the outpouring of the latter rain. I am so thankful that God has let me live almost twenty years in this Church of God movement, thankful for peace, that our beautiful America is not involved in war or famine, thankful for the right to worship God according to the dictation of our own conscience, thankful for a home, for loved ones. Though some have gone on and left us, yet we are thankful that they are delivered and have made it safely to the other side and are now watching for you and me; thankful for Jesus and what He is to us. We believe that God will look down upon this Thanksgiving Day, and as He beholds His little children as they give Him thanks and glory, that He will be pleased to pour out unto us, His Spirit and lead us gently on.

Thanks are expansive; they make us bigger. Gratitude is an element of real greatness; gratitude for past blessings is a mighty anchorage in present distress. Prayer with praise left out is a flower without fragrance. The truly grateful man will be the faithful man.

Church Made Stronger

RAVIA, Okla. (Sept. 15)—I am glad to report victory in our meeting, which was held the last of July. Bro. Kerce, our pastor, was holding his meeting at Ardmore, and he had Bro. J. C. Moore to start the meeting by the help of others, until he could get here, on account of the Lawton meeting drawing nigh, so we began the meeting and ran it about two weeks. The ice was broken, the fire was falling. Souls had begun to be saved, when Bro. and Sister Kerce, our pastor came in, armed and ready for the battle. Seven were saved, six sanctified, five received the Holy

A Model Christian Boy

There are eight fundamental principles which must be kept in mind in the write-up of a Model Christian Boy, in his Sunday School work, Work for the Church, Work During the Week and Every Day Living. Without these eight principles very little will be accomplished.

1. The first of these is the fourfold life.

A boy lives physically, socially and mentally, as well as spiritually. He lives seven days a week, twenty-four hours a day. His spiritual impulses are received and find their expression in the physical, social and mental activities, in which he is engaged during the week. Any work that is attempted by a boy which ignores his fourfold life cannot be a success. The ideal for a perfect work with boys is that which is learned from a study of the boyhood of Christ, for the boy Jesus, "grew in wisdom" (mentally), "in stature" (physically), "in favor with God" (spiritually) and "with man" (socially). The secret of the life of the Christ as a boy lies in his symmetrical and well-balanced growth.

2. The second principle is Progression.

In a successful church work with boys the activities must be graded and progressive. The public schools could not command the presence of a boy if the work which was given him today was the same as that of last week, and that of last week the same as that of a year ago. The interest of the teacher in a boy is that he is discovering new things for himself, or being taught new things all the while. So is the case in the religious life. Unless young boys show interest and try to progress there is not much hope for them in the Sunday School and Church because the world as a whole is continually working against them, especially boys who are trying to prove a real Christian.

3. The third principle is Service.

Many of the churches bribe her boys and expect them to remain with her and in her service after offering them salaries for doing the things which they should have done for mere love. Socials and clubs and athletic organizations and other devices have been used as a bid to hold the boys. But an Ideal Christian Boy is one who stands loyal and true and does the things that a Sunday School and Church need boys to do without being "paid" or promises made, one who does these things just for the love and fellowship of the church. "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also"; and it stands to reason that the heart of the boy will be where he is giving most of himself. If he is investing himself heavily in the interest and service of the church, that is where his interest will be.

4. The fourth principle is Organization.

By organization is meant, of course, boy organization, the form of organization that attempts to keep the adolescent boy tied up to the interest of the church. No boy is a Model Christian unless he stands for real organization. A Model Christian Boy's organization is one known as a part of the Sunday School with no obligations of any kind to any other organization but the local church of which it is a part—bone of its bone, flesh of its flesh, muscle of its muscle.

5. The fifth principle is Leadership. Leadership is inseparable from organization, and organization is useless without leadership. The leader which is necessary for a group of adolescent boys is that of a man, and the problem which is presented to a leader with a group of boys in the adolescent years is not that of teaching, but of awakening good ideas and purposes in the boys' lives. The leader must be able to enter into sympathy with and at least a partial way into participation with all

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Ghost and eleven were baptized in water. Bro. Plake of Ardmore brought the message on the "Power of the Lord." The crowds were so large that some could not get in hearing distance. The last night of the meeting we observed The Lord's Supper and Feet Washing. The Church seems stronger.—(Mrs.) Mary Pierce.

HOW CAN WE CELEBRATE THANKSGIVING

Heart-felt Appreciation Should be Rendered Unto Our Lord

D. F. Baldree

Should we celebrate Thanksgiving Day? If so, how can we, without being conformed to the world?

First, we notice the Jews had special days of rejoicing, etc. Est. 9:18, 19; Heb. 8:10; Deut. 12:7-12. Some of these days of rejoicing were to celebrate (or appreciate) the literal blessings of God, that is, for good yields of crops at harvest; others were to commemorate the wonderful deliverance out of the hand of the enemy, as Est. 9:19, so while there was a certain time to celebrate the deliverance at the Red Sea, we believe it was in perfect harmony to remember this great event, and let it be numbered along with the other times of rejoicing.

Again, we should remember that the Pilgrim fathers, the originators of our present Thanksgiving Day, must have been of the type of people, to some extent at least, referred to in Heb. 11:38, "Of whom this world was not worthy", and after they had been in America one year, were mindful to have a special day for thanking the Lord for His blessings thru the year and especially for the good specials—turkey and pumpkin. Now while this was the order of the day, I imagine there were other things that stood prominent also, for I can't think those heroes of the cross would forget, in one year, the great deliverance—the crossing of the Atlantic Ocean, and then the freedom they were enjoying in serving their Christ. For the day to have been spent without having special service and thanking God for His guiding, protecting hand thru that dangerous and toilsome voyage, would have been for them to have been too ungrateful. After special prayer and thanksgiving, I picture a testimony service, doubtless making mention of the many incidents of danger on the voyage and how God delivered from those perils of the briny deep. To say there was not some shouting and praising God with loud voices on that first Thanksgiving Day, would seem out of place, considering the fact that the Pilgrims did not come on a trading, nor exploring expedition, neither as a municipal or colonial power, but a church, to save its church life. A Pilgrim church had crossed the Atlantic and before landing, made an agreement, or covenant known as the May Flower compact, which shows that they, in the name of God, had undertaken and completed this perilous voyage, for the glory of God and the advancement of the Christian faith. The Articles of the New England Federation, which was a few years later, manifested the same spirit. They all came to America for the same purpose—"to advance the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ and to enjoy the liberties of the Gospel in purity and peace."

Then we who are of the same spirit and purpose today, would do well not to forget these great benefits, and while it is true Christian to be joyful always (1 Thess. 5:16, Syr. N. T.), it seems to the writer's mind that God would honor special service of thanksgiving on this day, recognizing what God has done for His people and how Christianity has served to bless this, and other nations that have taken pattern, and that what good has been done, needs to be preserved, as well as greater progress be made. As one statesman said, Christianity has not had a chance in solving peace problems among the nations. If statesmen see this, how much more should the clergy?

So by looking in God's Word, we find, Special thanksgiving at certain times; Was practiced by the saints and sages. Who walked in the light of their respective ages.

It has been verbally and otherwise said, That the plan the May Flower Pact laid,

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Editorials

If all the ministers in the Church of God would work for the Evangel as some are, how the work would prosper. We want the paper to go into every Church of God home, and to all the friends of the Church.

We notice the Lord is blessing the ministry of those who are working for the Evangel. Friends and co-workers, if we want God's best, we must help others. What could you do that would be worth more than to get the Church of God Evangel into a home for a whole year?

Remember that the Publishing House is closed every morning from 8:30 a. m. to 9:00 a. m. We spend that time in the prayer room, calling upon God for guidance, and that He may lead us on, and that the good news may continue to go out from here. We also pray over many handkerchiefs and requests from day to day, and for the workers on the field. Oh, we love the prayer room! It is a sacred place to us.

When we get the Evangel in the mail bags we kneel around them and ask God to make them a blessing to you, and to heal the afflicted. Everybody that works here, prays. The pastor here and several of the brethren make it a point to be present at the hour of prayer.

We offered to those securing 500 subscriptions for the Evangel, a "Five Volume Bible Encyclopedia," but since have learned that we cannot get them any more, so we are offering instead, for 250 subscriptions, a nice Portfolio which we are sure any minister will be proud of.

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PRACTICAL THANKSGIVING

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comrade dying beside him. The poorest man in the church has the privilege and is under the duty of contributing out of his poverty to religious and charitable causes. There is no better way to show our gratitude to God than by giving to the poor on this Thanksgiving Day. We think of a boy who started his saving account out on the farm or in some small town; his investment brought gain and as his business brings to him wealth, he leaves his humble home or the small town in which he started, goes to the large city and as God blesses him in his business, he reaches the place in his career that he is able to give thousands of dollars to help the poor. While he is doing great good, possibly he fails to praise and thank God for the blessings bestowed upon him. Many of them chafe and fret and worry if they are called on to contribute. If they would only give to honor God and glorify Him, what a blessing it would bring to them.

It is not uncommon for good Christian people to show signs of becoming weary of the incessant demands upon them. They frown and say, "What next?" "Where will this thing end?" There is no end. There will be no end until the Kingdom of God be come. The demands will not be less, they will be more, and still more, but let no one think he is compelled to give anything. God wants no unwilling gifts, no gifts that are accompanied by scowls and complaint. He wants us to be cheerful givers. Our house may be large and very beautiful, it may be full of lovely creations and yet there may be shining out thru the windows, lights in that house that would mar. Truly the light is shining from this earthly house of ours. How God appreciates gratitude, and loves willing sacrifices.

Third, the channel thru which real gratitude to God will express itself is personal service. Giving God His rightful place in our inward life is not enough. The most generous use of our possessions for the building of His Kingdom is not enough. Self must be given in some sort of a Christian service. The most successful business men think that they have done what is required when they give money, others feel that to do work is all that is required. God so arranged all the traits and powers of personality, which God has so carefully elaborated, that no two individuals in the races are alike. Ability to perform different work is a real talent, and God will hold us all responsible if we fail to use these for His glory. God keeps this word of the Psalmist echoing and re-echoing, "What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me?" This should be our daily prayer, "Keep us, O God, from the sin of having and not giving. Help us to give love, self, service. Help us give to thee by giving to others. Help us all to make our Thanksgiving practical. What, indeed, shall we render and what shall we not render unto thee for all thy benefits toward us?"

The Source of all Good

"Forget not all His benefits." A boy was bringing home a loaf of bread, and one said: "What have you there?" "A loaf." "Where did you get it?" "From the baker." "Where did the baker get it?" "He made it." "Of what did he make it?" "Flour." "Where did he get the flour?" "From the miller." "Where did he get it?" "From the farmer." "Where did the farmer get it?" Then the truth dawned upon the boy's mind, and he replied, "From God." "Well, then from whom did you get that loaf?" "Oh, from God." Here is a boy who, in the last resort, acknowledges God to be the giver of good. In this materialistic age, a man says: "My business supports me and my family." God supports you and your family. Men deal with God only as a last resource, and yet go on hoping to sneak into God's heaven when they have done with His world; but the God of Sinai is thundering out to this age: "Thou shalt put me first, and the baker second."—G. Campbell Morgan.

As we sit praying, thinking over the past, how God has blessed the church and given His people the desires of their hearts, answered our prayers by the thousands, our hearts go up to Him in gratitude and thanksgiving. While it is true the church has lost its greatest man, Brother Lee's example was so beautiful that his life of sacrifice and love will be long remembered. We think of him today as a perfect man. His labors of love will not soon be forgotten. I believe that God has moved him over on the other shore, he stands as a beacon light to those who are following on.

I earnestly request that the entire church make this a special prayer day for God's guidance, and the church may fill her rightful place and we as officers and members may be truly guided by the blessed Holy

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Notices And Specials

Since I have been chosen by S. W. Latimer, our General Overseer, to succeed Brother E. C. Clark as overseer of Alabama, I have decided to do all I can in discharging my official duties in the state.

I desire the cooperation of the saints and especially of the ministers. I have not as yet completed the placing of the district overseers but have already been in the state and made some arrangements in securing pastors for some of the local churches.

Brother Clark had already appointed a number, and I suppose they are on the work, or making special efforts to be, soon. If, however, there is any misunderstanding with any, we would be glad to help you in any way we can.

We also ask that all the State Mission funds be sent to J. J. Bradberry, Boaz, Ala., as he will be the State Mission treasurer. Hope you will refresh your minds on the ruling of the Assembly with respect to mission money, in the event such money is not all raised by the pastors, the balance is to be taken out of the treasury before he gets his tithes, so let's do our part in raising the required amount, and not have the pastors pay it.

Another thing to which I would like to call your attention, is that there is to be appointed in each district a Sunday School treasurer, but we will expect the district overseer to see after their appointments. We will now give names of the districts and overseers as far as we can at present and will fill out as they are appointed later.

As follows:

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Including Lauderdale, Colbert, Franklin and Lawrence Counties.

Hope the district overseers who are the above mentioned, will see after the appointing of their district Sunday School treasurers at once.

Will be in the state as soon as we get arrangements all made here. Yours and His for service,
T. L. McLain State Overseer.

Ministers Take Notice

In order that each minister may get your 1929 clergy book for reduced rates on the railroad, I will ask that only the evangelists send in their old license for renewal for the year 1929. Before you send them to the General Secretary, put on the back of the license your address to which you want your 1929 license sent, state also in what state your membership is and if you are pastoring a church.

Bear in mind that we mail the license to the State Overseer where your church membership is for his signature, and he will mail them to you.

According to rulings in the Assembly of previous years, your license expire at the close of each year and if you fail to send them in for renewal your name may not appear in the Assembly minutes. The Elders in council this year advised that all evangelists who did not send in their license for renewal or who had not sent in their license for renewal for the last few years, be dropped from the list. Therefore, if it is just an oversight on your part, you please write the General Overseer about it and he will make such adjustments in the matter as are necessary.

EXHORTERS need not send in their papers to Headquarters for renewal as that matter is entirely in the hands of the local church.—S. W. Latimer, General Overseer.

To the churches and ministers in Arkansas: A few lines to you in regard to the work in the state of Arkansas. The brethren at headquarters have placed me back over the work in this state for another year.

Ghost who is now finishing His work on earth, gathering together a people for God's glory, and for the bride of His son. Let us do our best as the days come and go so when it shall fall to our happy lot to cross over and be with Him, that it can be said of us, "they have been faithful."

We are intending to do all we can for you all and the Church of God another Assembly year. I need your hearty cooperation in the work, also your prayers. I will get to your church as soon as I possibly can, and if I should not get to you as soon as you think I should, please bear with me a little.

The churches in the state wishing pastors, will do well to write me at an early date. But if you want some one to pastor a church; if they are worthy of pastoring the church where you are, they are worthy of your support in prayers and means. God expects us to do our part. We have several ministers in the state who will pastor churches and others elsewhere, but they have to live just the same as you do.

We want to divide the work up in districts this year. Here they are:

HAYNES DISTRICT
Poplar Grove, Haynes, Widner, Earl, Vandale.

MARKED TREE DISTRICT
Marked Tree, Shady Grove, Leechville, Blitheville, Imboden, Evening Shade, Whitlow Grove, Paragould.

STEP ROCK DISTRICT
Step Rock, Omaha, Higden (Velvet Ridge), McCrory, Bauxite.

These are the churches as they are divided up on their respective districts. I would like to secure a good faithful, loyal minister over each of these districts. The finance in the state is very short and every member of the Church in the state should shoulder the responsibility on themselves of bringing God's tenth into His storehouse (The Church of God), that there may be MEAT in His house. Dear ones, God has cut off the meat (Spiritual Meat) from your local church because you have failed Him on these lines.

To the ministers: The Church of God requires you to make out your monthly reports and send them in at the end of every month. Pay your tithes, this is compulsory with preachers, and for the sake of the Cause of Christ, keep your just and honest debts all paid up. If you have some debts that have been hanging over you for some time, pay them up or you may fail to get your license renewed until you do. I really do not think it should be necessary to nearly force Church of God ministers to pay their just and honest debts.

Ministers who are expecting to work in the state another year, whether you are in or out of the state, please write me at an early date.

We would be glad to have every church in the state reporting before the Assembly year is gone. Church clerks and treasurers, send in your report at the end of every month, and if the clerk at your church is not reporting, please let me know. We can change clerks and put in one that will be loyal in this manner. We want to line up with the Church and comply with Her teachings. I would like to hear from you all. I need your prayers and cooperation in this work. I am sure you will enjoy it better. May God bless your dear hearts and help you to obey God and His Church. Your servant in the Church of God in the State of Arkansas.—Jesse Danehower.

Our address for the Assembly year will continue Bonz, Ala. We expect to do some evangelistic work. Any one wishing us for a meeting in Alabama may communicate with us at the above address.—S. J. Heath and wife.

If any of the State Overseers has a church that you haven't a pastor for this year, please let me hear from you, as I am open for an appointment of pastoral work.—W. I. Campbell, Rt. 1, Box 6-A, Irondale, Ala.

To all whom it may concern: I have changed my address from Sylva, Va. to 106 Hanover St., Weatherford, Texas.—J. C. Jernigan.

Brother J. G. Garrett of Lenoir City, Tenn. states that they are having cottage meetings and the Lord is blessing. One has been saved, three sanctified and received the Holy Ghost.

Gertrude Thompson of Chokoloskee, Fla. requests prayer for her baby to be healed.

Sister Jannie Crane, requests prayer to be healed of rheumatism.

Please address L. G. Rouse, Catlettburg, Ky. Gen. Del.

We received a bunch of letters during the Assembly which were not called for. They are addressed to the persons whose names appear below, and they have no return address on them, so if you will write us, giving your address, we will forward your letter to you.

Pete E. Farmer, (or Fainer): John Harmon (or Harman); Mrs. W. A. Purdy; Mrs. James Deaa; J. O. Pruett; Albert Creel; Mrs. W. J. Dodge; M. J. Hendley; Albert Shelton; Rev. Geo. Gamble; Mrs. I. M. Haddock; Mrs. Pauline Williams; Mrs. Francis Neal; Mrs. Ella Pinkley.

I wish to express to all the minis-

ters and members of the Churches of God amongst the colored saints, that as the General Overseer and cabinet were duly authorized to appoint an overseer for the colored work in general by the Investigating Committee of the State Convention, which convened at West Palm Beach, March 26, to April 1, 1928, and the approval of the above committee (N. S. Marcelle, W. V. Eneas, C. F. Bright, Jas. A. Wallace, W. M. Tarver, G. C. Sapp and J. H. Curry, Moderator), was ratified by the General Overseer and cabinet.

Therefore the General Overseer has appointed the Lord's humble servant to serve as Overseer of the Colored work in this newly appointed and exalted position in the stead of our former overseer, Elder David LaFleur. I request the prayers of every child of God and the cooperation of each and every minister to hold me up with your prayers and words of instruction.

Remember it is said that "together we'll stand, but divided we'll fall."

I wish to impress upon your minds that our next State Convention will convene in the city of Orlando, Fla. in the month of Jan. beginning the 14th and continuing to the 20th inclusive. D. V. Also permit me to say that we request each one who desires to cope with the resolution that was passed in our Jacksonville District Convention regarding the amendment of the burial auxiliary, that is, that every one from 18 yrs. and over would require the amount of \$5.00 as joining fee, and from 12 yrs. and over were required \$2.50 as joining fee, and in case that a member should fall asleep, a small amount of \$1.00 is requested from those who join with \$5.00 and those who join with \$2.50 the required amount of 50 cents. All that are concerned in the above, and those desiring further information, it can be obtained at the Convention which will convene in the city of Orlando, Fla. Jan. 14-20th inclusive, 1929 D. V. You are cordially invited to attend this great Annual Feast. With best wishes for a great and grand convention.—J. H. Curry, Overseer of Colored work.

How Can We Celebrate Thanksgiving

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Brought us into a body politic. So we too, should render thanks despite the critic.

Then the forsaking not of assembling ourselves together

For us, as for all other people, is far better.

As these truths in the New Testament we find.

Which promise to keep us, heart, soul and mind.

Hence Bible righteousness and true thanksgiving.

Is the service we owe for all God's blessings we are receiving;

Yes, it is our dues as church and nation.

So let's pay up lest we lose our station.

For atheists, infidels and traitors—spiritual whales with mouths open wide.

Are waiting and watching from every side.

Then let us remember the God of Thanksgiving Day.

And not with the world, be defiled, in the way.

Attended a Wonderful Revival

I praise the Lord for the privilege of attending the close of a two weeks revival at North Chattanooga church. Eight of us Bible students spent Sunday night there. We were not there very long until we saw that the presence of the Lord was there. We sang and shouted with the happy band of God's people.

Brother Earl Paulk conducted the revival and he gave out a wonderful message Sunday on "The Church of God." He gave fifty-eight Scriptures

THE RICH MAN'S PLEA

Have you ever thought of the awfulness of being in a place where there is no water not ever shall be? No comforts in any way, after spending thousands of years, then as bad as ever—no peace ever comes!

At church one time, I became thirsty. I surely wanted water more than anything I ever wanted in my life. As I sat in the church and looked at the windows which were painted like ice and snow, I grew more thirsty still. But there was something to comfort me. I knew services would soon come to a close and I could get a drink.

Ps. 63:1. O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee; my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is. No wonder the rich man cried out for water. Luke 16:24. And he cried out and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue for I am tormented in this flame. But there was no water given, it was too late. As it is with lots of folks, careless, unconcerned and high minded, not thinking that these things will soon come to an end, and that we will have to stand before the Savior as a judge instead of a Savior. Too late, too late! How sad to hear these words and to think of an "unsaved person going out to meet God without being prepared. This was the answer to the rich man—Luke 16:25. But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things, but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented. Luke 16:26. And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed; so that they which would pass from thence to us, cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence. The Bible is no joke book, but is as real as heaven, and these Scriptures are for us today, and if we accept them we can hear the Scriptures ring out peace to our souls. Yes, even when the days are evil, O how we ought to be so near we can hear the faintest whisper of Him who will make us to drink of the water where we shall never know thirst again. What a privilege! John 4:14. But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst, but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life. I am so glad that is to His children. O the richness of His precious Word we can only know by tasting. We have the privilege of water now, yes Living Water. Rev. 22:17. And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. Prov. 11:25. The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself. Isaiah 35:4. Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God will recompense; he will come and save you.

Isa. 35:5. Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Isa. 35:6.

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on the Church of God. It was enough to convince anyone that the Church of God is the only Bible church.

Brother Harry Whittington gave out a wonderful message Sunday night. The altar was filled with seekers. I was informed that nine were saved during the revival, four sanctified, four received the Holy Ghost, four followed the Lord in water baptism and four were added to the church.

The meeting closed with great interest and I want to say we were made to enjoy ourselves so much that we will have to make them another visit soon. We want everybody to pray for as students, that we will go out and preach the Gospel and win lost souls for the Lord.—Your humble brother, Ross Hill.

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OBITUARIES

JAMES

The death angel visited the home of Brother and Sister J. R. James on Sept. 4, 1928 and claimed their darling little Samuel, born March 1920. He was sick a few days. Prayer was offered many times but God knew best. He was a sweet child and it was hard to give him up, but the penitist says, "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away," and we must submit to His will. We look forward to the time when we can meet little Samuel again. He was always singing "When the Roll is Called up Yonder," and we know he is truly there.

He leaves to mourn his death, a father, mother, four sisters, seven brothers, one grandmother and other relatives, also a host of friends. The funeral was conducted by Brother Clarence Tarpley and the remains were laid to rest in the Brown cemetery.—His aunt, Edna Malone.

JACKS

Mary Catherine Moore, daughter of Walter and Charlotte Moore, was born Sept. 25, 1893, and departed this life Aug. 23, 1928, being thirty-four years, ten months and twenty-three days old. She was united in marriage to Robert Coleman Jacks, March 6, 1918. To this union were born eight children. The children, though small, speak of their sweet mother. Her Christian influence and kind words to them, we believe, will be with them all along as they journey thru life, and we trust will be the cause of their coming to Christ when they reach the years of accountability. How her little children miss her, no one can tell, but we are sure she has gone with the angels to dwell. We expect to meet her never more to say farewell.

She also leaves to mourn her death, four brothers and one sister. One brother passed away eight years ago. He will be waiting on the golden shores to meet his darling sister. She professed Christ early in life and later, after hearing more of God's Word preached, received full salvation and lived a true Christian life. Funeral was conducted by Brother Willie Brown of Huntsville, Ala., and her body laid to rest in the Mt. Pleasant cemetery to await the resurrection. One who loved her.

RIGSBY

On Sept. 29, 1928 at the midnight hour the death angel came and claimed for its victim Sister Jim Rigby. She had been sick for some time. She was a kind and loving mother and a loving wife. Sister Rigby was always ready to help those who were in need. Everybody loved her. She leaves to mourn her death a husband, five children and a host of loved ones. She has three little angels who went on before to welcome mother. One who loved her, Mae Wood.

BAILEY

On June 30, 1928 the death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Bailey and claimed for its victim, their darling baby, little Lloyd, age eleven months and twenty-six days. He was sick several days before he died. I believe all was done for him that loving hands could do and prayer was offered for him many times, but God saw best to take him to that bright mansion. Lloyd leaves to mourn his death a father, mother, two grandmothers and grandfathers and several aunts and uncles. The funeral was conducted by Brother Charley Hatcher and his little body laid to rest in the Judson cemetery. His aunt, Metty C. Hayes, Hamer, S. C.

BRADY

On Aug. 2, 1928 the death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Brady and claimed their darling little boy, age eight years. He was a member of Sunday School for five years and never failed to have a verse from the Bible. He was sick only seven hours. His last words were asking for prayer.

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weep, for one by one our hopes grow brighter as we near the shining shore, and across the river we will meet again. The funeral was conducted by Brother W. H. Black whom he loved so well.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Will McManus.

GARNER

The death angel visited the home of Mrs. Minnie Garner and claimed for its victim her husband, W. R. Garner, age seventy-five years. He was seriously sick for about four weeks, but he seemed to bear all his suffering with patience to the end. He professed Christ several years ago and lived a good life. He was a good husband and loving father. He was a good quiet neighbor and had many friends. Seven years ago he saw the light on holiness and joined the Church of God. He loved the Church of God and attended service as long as he was able to get to church. I believe the Lord saw him suffer enough and He said, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant. Come up higher." He leaves to mourn his loss a wife, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends. The body was laid to rest in the Judson cemetery to await the resurrection. The funeral was conducted by Sister Nettie Hanvey.—Metty C. Hayes.

PITTMAN

On Sept. 26, 1928 the death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Pittman and claimed their darling little boy, born May 3d. He had a sweet smile for every one and was loved by all. Our loss is heaven's gain. We weep not as those who have no hope. The funeral was conducted by Brother W. P. Biggerstaff and the body laid to rest in the Mountain Creek church cemetery.—One who loved him, M. L. W.

RUSSELL

On October 1, 1928, our beloved Brother Charles F. Russell departed this life to be with Jesus.

He was born April 26, 1892, and was married to Mrs. Euphemia Watkins, December 24, 1922.

Shortly after their marriage Brother Russell was converted, some time later he was sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost. And during the first part of this year he united with the Church of God of Olivia Street of this city.

It can truly be said that Brother Russell lived a Christian life and that he was faithful unto death. When he was able he was faithful in church attendance, faithful in witnessing for Christ, faithful in tithing and giving, faithful in his prayer life and all other Christian duties. In his illness he kept the faith, he trusted the Lord fully. He did not seem to be tempted by what the world offered, but was content to trust the Lord. A number of times during his illness the Lord gave him instant relief in answer to prayer.

He was very patient in his suffering and always resigned to the Lord's will, always had a message of faith in God, and a testimony of God's grace in his life. We would go to his home to encourage him but as we would behold his courage, patience and faith, and hear his testimony, we would take on new courage and a greater determination to be faithful to the Lord. Truly his life was an inspiration and a benediction to those who knew him.

The community has lost a neighbor and a Christian friend, his wife has lost a devoted husband, his mother has lost a loving son, his brothers have lost a brotherly companion and our church has lost a faithful brother and loyal supporter, but we know that our loss is Heaven's gain and his gain too. He told the writer shortly before he departed, "I am going to be with Jesus." As Paul of old, surely he fought a good fight, finished his course and kept the faith, and we know that he won that crown of life that the Lord gives to the faithful.

Thou art gone our precious brother,
To that better realm above;
To be free from care and sorrow,
And to revel in His love.

Thou art gone our precious brother,
With Jesus e'er to be;
There to rest from all your labors,
Throughout all eternity.

We will meet you precious brother,
In the sweet, sweet bye and bye;
There we will live with Jesus,
And ne'er say good-bye.

One who loved him, his pastor, Wm. T. Auten.

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CLEVELAND, TENNESSEE

People Are Getting
Saved In School

I am praising God for the opportunity of attending Bible School. It surely does agree with me, I have been here three terms and I am not tired of it yet, and haven't learned it all. Some people think if you attend Bible School you should be able to explain the whole Bible. You can come ten terms and not learn it all, but I am thankful for what I have learned. We surely do have fine classes, and wonderful teachers. I believe Brother Payne and Brother Walker are God called men and surely have the work at heart.

When I first came to school, I was in a backslidden condition, but when I was here two weeks, God brought me back into the fold and I surely do thank Him for it. He is wonderful to us, even when we wander out in sin, but by the grace of God, I am going to hold out to the end and do my best for God and the dear old Church of God. I feel that it is the greatest work in the world and I know that God is holding it up and letting us go to the front.

I feel that God needs more workers on the field. When Bible School is out old Satan had better run, for we are going to make war against him with songs and the Word of God, for God said that His Word was as sharp as a two-edged sword. Praise His name, I know that we can depend on it.

Another thing we can say, that we have the best bunch of students I ever saw, and the best school, for God is with us because we can feel His Spirit. We pray, shout and praise our Lord. Ever once in a while we have a revival and someone gets happy and another falls under conviction. Then we all fall on our knees and help pray them thru. When they come thru, they are shouting or talking in tongues according to the Word of God. Praise His name!

Well, we are all having a good time in the Lord. Please pray for us as we pray for the dear ministers on the field. May the Lord bless them all.—Your brother in Christ, Willie Goins.

School Different From
Any Ever Attended

I am truly praising the Lord for ever making a way for me to attend a school of this kind. Yes, it's different from any I have ever attended. It is indeed wonderful to be in a place where the Christian influence is so great and where they pray so many times a day. When the students who had attended school here before, used to tell me they prayed six times daily, I would wonder how they could arrange to pray so much, but praise God it just all fits in wonderfully, and arranges itself. The Lord also blesses us in a wonderful way with our studies as we have Spirit filled instructors, Brother Payne and Brother Walker. Since school started three have been saved, also three filled with the Holy Ghost.

We, as a body of students, want to study hard and get what we can out of Bible School in these six months. We pray that the Word of God will become more real to each individual, that the Scripture might be unfolded and we'll understand how to handle it better. We love the Lord and want to do His will, therefore we love to study His Word.

We now have sixty-one students enrolled and have already learned to love each other and we don't want to

A Model Christian Boy

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the activities of each boy. It is hard for a boy to be a Model Christian Boy without advice from the older ones. Never have I known a boy who was really trying to live a Christian life refuse to take advice and information from an older person. Humbleness is one thing it takes to make a Model Christian Boy.

6. Some of the work of a Model Christian Boy.

Winning Boys
A Model Christian Boy should have influence over the sinner boys, enough to win them and bring them to Christ. The Church and Sunday School need more boys. However, there are several dangers in dealing with boys. One of these is traditions. The fad of today becomes tomorrow the traditional way of doing things, and before we know it we have no other. Another difficulty is uniformity. Tradition is the mornmain of yesterday, but uniformity is the iron grasp of today. Wherever it is it throttles conviction and strangles individualism, progress and soul freedom. There is also the

temptation of numbers. In fact dealing with boys there is often quite an opposite tendency. There is the danger of codding. Supposing the leader had few boys instead of many, and is using many thoughtful methods; he may awake some day to find that he has done so much for them that they have become paupers upon his charge for recreation, incentive and material for character. To avoid the danger of codding I would see that the boy had something to do for the church as well as the church something for him. If you are seeking spiritual aims I think the essential thing is to find and group together the Christian boys and make them the personal, active force for evangelizing the others. They are worth more than all sermons, methods and other efforts put together. The Model Christian Boys must win more boys for Jesus because I am inclined to say that the work by boys is to be the key-note of future evangelism.

NO ONE SEEMS
HOMESICK

Surely we are all thankful to God to be in the Bible Training School again. All the summer our hearts longed for the time to come when we would assemble in the much loved schoolroom, meet the former students and the new ones, but best of all, enjoy the blessings of the Lord once more. There is no question but what the Lord is with us. He met with us in our first prayer. Several students have received the blessing since coming. Of course that makes our hearts rejoice. We find that He is still with us to bless and encourage us each day. No one seems to be homesick. All have come to the conclusion that this is the best place in the world.

We have a very promising group of students this year. Everyone seems to be here for the purpose of learning more of God's Word and to prepare themselves so as to be able to successfully fight the enemy when they leave school. Our greatest regret is that so many boys and girls who were so anxious to be in school, are unable to be here. Let us say to you, keep praying and God will make the way for you to be here another term, and we will not forget to pray for you.

We ask an interest in all your prayers, that the school may grow and that we may stay humble at the feet of Jesus at all times.—Eva L. Green, Cortez, Fla.

Received Holy Ghost
Since Coming to School

I want to sound a note of praise in the Evangel for the opportunity of attending Bible School this term. I find this school to be far more than I had expected. I have found it to be the best place this side of Heaven. God wonderfully blesses us in the schoolroom, and there is unity and fellowship which surpasses that of any other school. Brother Payne is a very able teacher and seems to be greatly interested in the welfare of his students. Brother Walker is a teacher who has lots of patience. We love these teachers very much and will hate to see the day of departing come.

I praise the dear Lord for saving my soul about two years ago. It was a blessed day to me, when I gave my heart to the Lord. I was saved in a Nazarene revival, about three weeks after I came to this country. I didn't understand much of the sermon, but the Lord put conviction on my heart and saved me. I praise Him for sanctifying and filling me with the blessed Holy Ghost. I received the Holy Ghost the night before the opening of school. I am so glad I belong to the great Church of God.

Pray for me, that the Lord will make me a brave and faithful worker for Him.—Yours for the Lord, Marius Bernston, Epworth, N. Dak.

plain Bible. Each boy must try as hard to be taught as the one who is teaching him. It is necessary for boys to be part self made. You may catalog a date or event, but it is hard to catalog a boy. As for an example David and Samuel were Ideal Young Men and Saul was up to the time until he was anointed king.

(C.) After winning and teaching the boys there is still something to be considered, which was one of the greatest points to be kept in mind. This is holding the boys. Some of the greatest methods used have failed to keep the boys at their age of greatest need and danger, that is, trying to keep them through their adolescent period. I would like to see a boys' club or organization in our church that could work together loyally to the pastor and church, and so to create the realization among boys of the naturalness of confessing Christ, that it shall become a current anticipation.

7. Progressive Self-Government among Boys.

Having established the essential rightness of the self-government principles as the best working policy for older boys, and in a measure, with all boys, the question of detail and method now confronts us. It is clear that failures in applying this principle are usually due to lack of discrimination in the different histories of boyhood. The only self-government which is reasonable or safe is progressive, graded self-government, fitted to the capacity of the boys. As a clue to the governmental capacity of the boy in different periods, we have studied the political history of the boy race for the period which the boy is recapitulating. Let us follow them, not slavishly, but with reasonable closeness, the results of our race-epochs study, in order to make the self-government principle fit the average attainment of each boy period.

Each boy should bear in mind, however, the one universal law of boy leadership that personality overrides all obstacles in boys' work and can, if sufficiently virile and magnetic, negative all rules and win success against all odds, because of personal power and attractiveness. This explains why certain men, extraordinary men, by the force of exceptional personality, get such remarkable results from their work with boys without paying any particular attention to the scientific study of boy development. Boys can break all the common laws of boy life with impunity, because the boys are subject to the higher laws of personal influence. Particularly is the truth sometimes with young boys in the adolescent period. Loyalty to the superior will of the strong personality who has gripped them, practically hypnotized them, leads them to do his bidding with a marvelous faithfulness. Self government should be an every day practice among boys, which is another principle necessary to make a Model Christian Boy.

8. The eighth and last principle is Clean Living.

A Model Christian Boy must live good and clean every day. He must always be ready to stand up for Jesus. He should never go to any place of worldly amusement, as swimming pools, theatres, dance halls, and etc. Furthermore, he should not have any desire for such things. I do not think that a boy should not have any pleasure at all but I do think Worldly Pleasure is going too far. I also think that he should be neat and clean, he should be clean physically as well as spiritually. Never would you pass a drug store or street corner and see a Model Christian Boy standing there puffing a cigar a couple of inches long, or hear his cursing or swearing about something that did not ex-

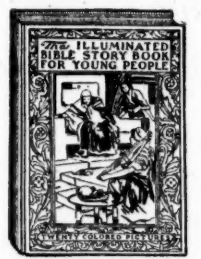
actly please him. He must be honest and true and live a life free from sin. You will never hear of a Model Christian Boy being out at a late hour at night probably drunk or in some other trouble that boys just will get into, which will bring their dear mother to tears and heart aches, and sometimes cause the father to go to his grave grayheaded, or maybe find it necessary for him to spend the small sum which he has laid up in his young days, to be used when he isn't able to work in his old age. How sad it is to see the way boys do bring trouble on their dear old parents who have worked so hard for them, trusting that when they are older they will be worth something to them. There is no doubt in my mind but what most of the mothers who have had boys in trouble, having spent most of her sleeping time, and sometime during the day in praying for her boy, hoping that some day he will turn and be a better boy. How sweet it would be to the mother and father, when the time comes when they can no longer be with them, just to know their boy is doing his best to do the right thing, and make a real Model Christian Boy out of himself. Stop and think; boys, think the second time, what you are going to do with yourself. Do not step aside when you know you are doing the wrong thing. Try to please your God, do the things that praying father and mother would have you to do, because I believe the most of them would rather you would be a Model Christian Boy than any thing else.

A boy who makes practice of the eight fundamental principles which I have mentioned is my idea of a Model Christian Boy.

Young Peoples' Program.
Eva Wright, Atlanta, Ga.

The Rich Man's Plea

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Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing; for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the deserts. Isa. 35:7. And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water: in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, shall be grass with reeds and rushes. Isa. 35:8. And an high way shall be there and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those; the way-faring men, though fools, shall not err therein. Isa. 35:6. No lion shall be there nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away. Praise God I'm glad I've been redeemed!—Mrs. E. C. Bradburn, Clyde, N. C.



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Don't Fail God As I Have

I wish to send my testimony thru the Evangel as I feel that God is leading me in that way. As this is my first testimony to the Evangel, I want to tell just a little of my experience. I was reared by a Christian father and mother, and they taught me to love the Lord, so I lived good for some few years. At the age of about fifteen I strayed from home, backslid and went into the army. There I learned several bad habits, although I knew that I had a mother at home praying for me. I got into lots of trouble in the army. I won't try to tell of that for it would take up too much space.

I am sorry to say I backslid several times before I got the keeping power of the Holy Ghost, and I want you to know that I got into trouble every time I went back on God. One time I almost completely lost my eye sight. The doctors did not seem to do me any good whatever. This was when I found one who was more than just an earthly friend, so I renewed my vows to God and He healed my eyes. Oh praise His name! Dear ones, I want to say that I am very much ashamed of my life, but I want my friends to know what a true friend Jesus is. He is a friend that will stick closer than a brother. I promised God that I would live a Christian and He healed me, but I let the devil over power me and strayed away again.

The next time I came to myself I found I was behind the stone wall at Ft. Levensworth with a thirty year sentence on me. Well I began to pray and my dear old mother was praying for her boy who was trying to run from God. Dear ones, I have been so intoxicated several times that I hardly knew anything, but I seemed to hear those prayers of mother's ringing in my ears, and at times it seems I can still hear those prayers. Well, I prayed just about all night one night, and promised God that this time I surely would live better. God showed me in a dream that night that I was going to get out of that place. In about thirty days I was free again. "Maybe I didn't feel good!"

Many things happened to me while I was in that place, that I will not take time to tell about now, but I will just tell a few of the worst things to show how merciful God is to us. I was made free and went back home. Mother surely was glad to see her wandering boy once more, and to know that I had gotten back to the Lord again. I lived a pretty good life for a while, but I didn't have the keeping power and these bad habits that got hold on me in the army, came back and I began to smoke and chew, drink and gamble, everything that a poor sinner could do, till at last I found myself again. Mother's God will hear your prayers if you will not give up. Mother was praying for me all the time. If it had not been for mother I don't think I would have been permitted to live as long as I have, but for some purpose or other God saw fit to let me live up till now, and I am thanking and praising His dear name for what He has done for me. He will do the same for others, but don't take the chance on living the life that I have lived. I am not so very old, but I have wasted several precious years. That I could have been doing something for the Lord. I am now thirty years old, have a wife and three children. I have had the baptism about four years and during that time I have never wanted to go back on God, because I have the keeping power. But we still have the devil to fight. He is always on our trail.

For some few weeks the devil has been trying real hard to discourage me. He comes in a different way to what he did before. You know he is a tricky old fellow. He works thru your own people and thru the ones that you have the most confidence in. He has tried to discourage me on paying tithes. He says people will criti-

cize me for paying tithes when I owe debts. He said I should pay my debts first. I gave way to the enemy and dropped paying tithes and I found myself nearly backslidden and all dried up. I got so I could hardly testify or say anything. It seemed that the joy of my salvation was about gone, so I began praying and asking God what was wrong and the Scripture came to me that says, take heed that the light which is in you be not darkened. Dear reader, if we see the light on anything we had better walk in the light and if we walk in the light Jesus says we have fellowship one with another. Then there is another spirit that tells folks that the tithes are not used in the right way and that the pastor doesn't deserve the tithes, but as for me I have decided that if I do my duty, it is none of my business what the other fellow does. If he does wrong, he will have to give account at the judgment. We can't afford to let the devil cheat us out of the good blessings of God. I have tried both ways. I have paid tithes, and I have not paid them, and since I found that I almost dried up in my experience by not paying them, I have set a new resolution to pay tithes, first, because it is God's eternal Word and, second, because I get a good blessing out of it. I have told the Lord that I am going to give Him His part first, then if there is anything left I will give it to the other fellow. People can say and do what they may, I am going to live a Bible Christian life, or die. I am going to walk in the light of God's Word. Today I renewed my vows to God that I would pay tithes regardless of what people say.

Our pastor, Brother Edwards, taught me a great lesson in our last Sunday School lesson about self-denial and it has stayed with me till yet. Oh I am feeling good in my soul. Today on my job, at the Ford plant, I don't know what the boys thought about me, and I didn't care much, but I hardly realized that I was working, the joy of the Lord was filling my soul so that I could hardly keep quiet at all. At lunch time I was so full that I did not want to eat, and did not. I just went off to myself and feasted on the good things from God. I wasn't fasting, but feasting. When the whistle blew, I started back to work and one of the boys handed me a tooth pick, but I didn't need a toothpick for what I was feasting on. Now I am determined to do all that is in my power for God, and am going to ask every reader who reads my testimony, to please pray a special prayer for me that I may get in the center of God's will. If I know myself in the least, I am willing for God to have His own way in my life. I would also like to have a word of encouragement from any good brother or sister. I feel that all my doubts are buried in the fountain, that fountain that opened up in the house of David for sin and uncleanness. Don't fail God, but press on, in my prayer. —Yours in Christ, Henry Rice, 24 South B. St., Hamilton, Ohio.

WEBB, Miss. (April 24)—I want to praise God to-day thru the Evangel for salvation, for saving me from sin, sanctifying my soul with His own dear blood, then baptizing me with the precious Holy Ghost. I also want to praise Him for His power to heal. I promised the Lord if He would not let the measles settle on any of my children, and would heal them, I would testify thru the Evangel. They are all four sound and well and I am giving God all the glory and I desire the prayers of all the saints that I will stay in the center of God's will, and be ready when He calls for me. I have paid in my \$1.00 on the church debt. I hope all of the saints will feel the burden of our church debt as I do, for the Church of God is the body of Christ and we, the true children of God, are members in particular, therefore it is our debt. Saints, let's not be slackers. Please pray that my husband may get the Holy Ghost.—Eddie May Flemmons.

18 BAPTIZED IN WATER

ELECTRA, Tex.—A three weeks' meeting has just closed at the Church of God at Electra, Texas, conducted by Bro. S. J. Wood, pastor, and wife, also had Bro. E. W. Williams, our State Overseer with us several nights. He brought some wonderful messages while here. Large numbers were saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost, eighteen were baptized in water. Bro and Sister Wood is our pastor and we love them and can say we can bid them a hearty welcome back this year. Bro. Hicks has been with us some this past year, he preached good sermons, also Brother Wood has given his time to build the parsonage this year, of which we are all proud. We desire the prayers of the saints everywhere for the work at Electra. (No name).

Are your Eyes and Your Ears Open to the Truth

My text is found in Matt. 13:16, "Blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear." V. 15, "For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing."

We want to notice that these people's hearts are darkened and their ears are dull of hearing. That is just what is the trouble with the world. They have gotten their hearts blinded with the cares of this life. They are thinking about what they can get out of the world and not giving any thought of what is going to become of them. The world is going on in a raging condition, not giving any thought of the heavenly world. It is a pitiful condition to get in—dull of hearing physically, but when it comes to the spiritual side of life and then cannot hear it is a very bad shape to be in. Jesus says, their eyes they have closed, lest at any time they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears and should understand with their hearts and should be converted and He should heal them.

The text says, blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear. If we have gotten our eyes and ears open, dear brother, are we trying to get our friends' eyes and ears open? Jesus gave His disciples power to heal the sick and open the eyes of the blind and to cause dull ears to hear. If our life is just where God wants it to be in Him, we can be in His hands to open the eyes of the flesh and of the spiritual too. We need to preach the Word of God closer than ever before, for the Word is Jesus, and Jesus is the only One who can open the eyes of the blind. When Jesus spat on the ground and made clay of the spit, He anointed the eyes of the blind with clay. Now we are clay for God to use. It wasn't the clay that opened the blind man's eyes, but Jesus, and the man obeying Jesus. We have got to be clay in Jesus' hands if we are ever able to bless mankind with which we come in contact. Jesus was the kind of a man that blessed those He came in contact with. This blind man in the 9th chapter of John was made to see because he obeyed Jesus. If we can get the Word plain to the people so they can see Jesus in it, their eyes will be open as never before and dull ears will hear which have never heard before.

We notice the Pharisees were stirred about this. They began to ask questions about how he received his sight. His parents feared the Jews on account of being put out of the synagogue, for the Jews had said already, if any man confess Him as Christ he would be put out. So they say he is of age, ask him. Then they came to the blind man the second time and said, give God the praise. We know that this man is a sinner. He answered and said, whether He be a sinner or not, I know not; one thing I know that whereas I was blind now I see. After this man received sight in the fleshly body they could not make him doubt it. So it is when our spiritual eyes are opened, there is nothing that can make us doubt that light has come into our lives through Christ. The last thing this man said was, will ye also be His disciples? Then they reviled him. We notice he said to them, that ye know not from whence He is, and yet He hath opened mine eyes.

After we get our eyes open, the world will say to us, where do you get these things? and will cast us out just like they did this man, but Jesus heard that they had cast him out; so Jesus told him that he was the son of God and he worshipped Him. Jesus said, for judgment I am come into the world, that they which see not might see and they which see might be made blind. To prove that Jesus was teaching the spiritual side of life, when the Pharisees heard this they asked Him, are we blind too? Here is His answer, if ye were blind ye should have no sin, but now ye say, we see, therefore your sin remaineth. There are lots of good people to-day who say they see when they are blind to the Word of God, therefore their sin remaineth. If we can get people to-day to hear the Word and accept it, we can get them converted and Jesus will heal them. Let us notice the text, blessed are your eyes for they see and your ears for they hear. We see here

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The question may be asked, how do we hold our earthly possessions? Are they God's, or are they ours? The first record that we have of tithing is in Gen. 14:18-20 where Abraham paid tithes to Melchizedek, the priest of the most high God, possessor of Heaven and earth.

We first want to notice Abraham, how he recognized his stewardship under God. He gave tithes of all before he divided the goods. God had planned from the very beginning that man should enjoy the privilege of possessions under certain conditions. In creation's dawn, God said, let us make man in our own image, after our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. Then He planted a garden eastward in Eden and put man there whom He had formed, to dress it and to keep it.

God was still the real owner of all. In Psa. 24:1 we find, the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world, and they that dwell therein. Psa. 50:10-12 says, for every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills. I know all the fowls of the mountains, and the wild beasts of the field are mine. If I were hungry I would not tell thee, for the world is mine and the fullness thereof. Then we find in Hag. 2:8, the silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts.

So the garden was only let out to man under rental conditions and as long as he kept these conditions, he was to have dominion. Gen. 2:9 says, and out of the ground made the Lord God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food, the tree of life also in the garden and the tree of knowledge of good and evil. But He told the man that there was one tree that he should not eat thereof; thou shalt not eat of it, for in the day that thou eatest thereof, thou shalt surely die. When the woman saw that the tree of knowledge of good and evil was a more beautiful tree than the tree of life, and to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit, and did eat.

Why did not God want man to use this tree? Well, the reason was that it was holy unto the Lord. "Thou shalt not eat of it, it is holy unto the Lord." So we find that it was God who made Abraham rich, Jacob rich and Solomon rich, and with Abraham's faithfulness there can be no curse on earthly possessions, but we are taught that if riches increase, not to set our hearts on them, thus all earthly wealth must be held in the fear of God.

Abraham is called the father of the faithful, being justified by faith, hence the Gospel begins in the faith of Abraham. We are the seed of Abraham by faith in Christ. If ye are Christ's then are ye Abraham's seed and an heir according to the promise. If ye are the seed of Abraham, ye would do the works of Abraham, and part of Abraham's work was paying tithes. A man might rob his enemy but how could he rob his friend, his Heavenly Father, knowing that he will have to face Him at the great white throne, and nothing will escape, all things will be revealed.

The law set forth one-tenth, it is holy unto the Lord. Some say, Oh well, we are not under the law, but under grace. Yes, indeed we are but shall we sin because we are not under the law? God forbid. How shall we who are above the law of obligation thru the law of love, continue to break the law and continue in sin?

Man had dominion over everything except the tree of knowledge of good and evil. The fruit was delicious and beautiful, but did not God have the right to reserve this for His own glory and praise? Man must not use it for himself. This we know. The garden was the Lord's, man was the steward, God's portion man must not use for himself, for it is holy unto the Lord. Man tills the ground for increase. Who gave the seed corn? Not man, for he does not know how. Who gave the fertile soil? Not man. Who makes the sun to shine? and the rain to fall? Not man. This is far removed from his power. What does man do? He only plants and tills God's soil. God furnishes all and man gathers the harvest. Is it unreasonable for God to claim one tenth of the increase? Here is a man who owns a farm and rents it out. What part of the crop does he expect for his share for ownership of his land? Man, generally wants from one-third to one-half when he rents on shares. God only says one-tenth.

In Matt. 21:33-41 we read, of a householder, a vineyard let out to others, protected by a hedge, a winepress for the fruit, a town for oversight. The householder rightfully seeks for his share of the fruits. Those men to whom he let his vineyard, now claim ownership themselves. This lesson is very clear. God is the owner of

our Lord has pronounced a blessing on us for having our eyes and ears open in Jesus. Dear brother let us go forth, carrying the full Gospel, and be anointed with the power of the Holy Ghost that the eyes of the world might be opened and be converted to the Gospel.—J. C. Riggs.

Wonderful Grove Service

DIXON, Miss. (Oct. 17)—To keep my promise, I must send a little testimony thru the Evangel. I praise the Lord for a wonderful grove service we had at our little Rocky Hill tabernacle the third Sunday morning in September. A sister had been seeking for sometime for the baptism. While praying for her, I would get so far and couldn't get any further. The Lord gave me courage to ask her if there was anything in her way. She replied, not that she knew of.

The next morning she came to me before service and I asked her if she wanted to go to the secret grove before service, and as we started to pray, she confessed a habit she thought might be in her way, so we prayed for her to be able to give it up and get victory, so in a few moments she was shouting with the power, and we went to the tabernacle and she was happy all thru the service, and when the altar call was made for seekers, or soon after, she was shouting, clapping her hands and speaking in tongues, as her husband received the Holy Ghost. Sister Ruby Jackson was the sister's name. I praise the Lord that I'm still happy on the way. I still suffer persecutions for answering the call to try to carry the blessed Word, but I can praise the Lord for my two sisters, two brother-in-laws and my dear old seventy year old father who received the Holy Ghost since I sent in my testimony of all my people being opposed to this way except my mother and I. I have other sisters, brothers, husband and children and near relatives and friends. I ask the prayers of all the saints to help me pray the prayer of faith for them till they see the light and get in the straight and narrow way. Pray for me that I may be ever true and do the will of God, till He comes or calls. Nan Ogletree.

the vineyard. Our claim is only right of rental. God the true owner has a right to expect his share. To hold the fruit of our toils in God's world is unjust. To deny stewardship is really killing the heir to seize the inheritance for ourselves. Some people say that Jesus never did teach tithing, but this is all a mistake. Christ never did condemn any good that the Pharisees were willing to do but He did say to His own, except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and the Pharisees, ye shall in no wise enter into the kingdom of God. They tried to entangle Him in His talk. Even (that is, the Pharisees) asked Peter, does your Master pay tribute? Of course He did, or Peter would not have been ready to answer so quickly. He said, yes. Then Jesus said unto Peter, the first fish you take out of the water, look in its mouth and you will find money enough there to pay both of our taxes. (that is the shekel after the shekel of the sanctuary). Exod. 30:13. In Matt. 23:23 He told the Pharisees, these ye ought to have done and not leave the other undone. Ye ought to have paid your tithes and not leave off judgment and the love of God. Luke 11:42 And the reason Paul does not take up the question in detail and give laws on tithes is simply because it was not necessary, for all had the Word of Christ and practice of Abraham.

The Jews of the early church were used to the practice of tithing, so were the Gentiles of the heathen world. It was a custom to pay the tithes to the gods they worshipped, therefore as Christ is the tree of life, Rev. 2:7; Rev. 22:14, the church is resembled to a garden. Songs of Solomon 4:12; 5:1. Many people have used the Lord's money and sent their children to school, bought houses, lots, farming implements, horses, cattle, etc. Man should not take that which belongs to another, for it is robbery and you will hear the sentence some day, "Depart from me ye cursed, ye have robbed me in tithes and offerings."

A TIME TO BE REMEMBERED

RIVIERA, Fla. — The Miami District convention of the Churches of God was held here which began on Friday night, August 24th. welcome address was given by the writer, response by Bros. B.C. Robinson, E.L. Moore, J.H. Pierce. These talks were interesting and enjoyed by all. On Saturday night, Brother S. F. Beard, our district overseer from Ft. Lauderdale, came forth with a wonderful message, his subject was, "Progressiveness the hope of the Church." God used him in a wonderful way, preaching to the Church. Surely God honored this message as it went forth. On Sunday at 11:00 o'clock Brother J.A. Self, our state overseer preached the dedicatory sermon and dedicated the new church to the Lord, which the Lord seemed to honor in a great way.

After this, the good folks came forth with well filled baskets and boxes and all had a spread together and enjoyed a feast of good things to eat, and at 3:00 o'clock Bro. B.C. Robinson gave a good talk on "more and better singing," which was endorsed by all. At 8:00 p.m. Bro. Self preached on his chart. It seemed that he was at his very best. When he said he had been talking one hour and a half it seemed to me like it was only a half an hour. The people here who had never had the privilege of meeting our state and district overseers surely learned to love them. This was a time long to be remembered on account of the presence of the Lord and the wonderful preaching. There are lots of things we would like to say, but space will not permit it now. The Lord has blessed us in helping to build a nice new church 32x50 ft. We have it ceiled and painted. When you pray, please remember us. Your humble brother for the lost J.L. Dorman pastor.

Church of God Material In Montana

McLEOD, Mont. (Oct. 10)—I want to sound a note of praise to my dear Saviour who has done so much for us, bless His name!

We have been having some wonderful meetings here at East Boulder, and the Lord has been blessing our souls. We have prayer meeting on Thursday nights and service twice on Sunday, also a nice little Sunday School. The Lord's Word has been confirmed as it was given out with power by the Lord and the Holy Ghost. There have been several reclaimed, sanctified and one received the baptism of the Holy Ghost according to Acts. 2:4. We were at Joliet this summer for about three weeks and there are a band of saints there looking to the Lord, which I believe would make Church of God material. There was also one came to the altar while we were there. Our State Overseer and wife are in a revival at Lewistown, Montana, and the Lord is with them, and had convicted and brought five souls to the altar, when we heard from them last. We all love our State Overseer and wife and pray that the Lord will continue to bless them. O I can see the need of walking closer to the Lord. As we see the day approaching, we must draw closer together and tighten our cords of love toward the brethren and sisters and be one great family, as there must be love and unity if the Lord is going to have His way.—Mrs. Leslie Cook.

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